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Pounce and Krong, at 8-1/2 and 9 months old respectively, enjoying their Esbilac, fed by Arnette Barnett, of the Saugerties, New York. The tigers, both Bengal, appear to be of the Siberian species with their winter coats. Although having free access to the indoors at all times, they often prefer the fun of the cold and snow. At the time photographed, Pounce, the female, weighed 110 pounds; while Krong, the male, weighed 125 pounds.



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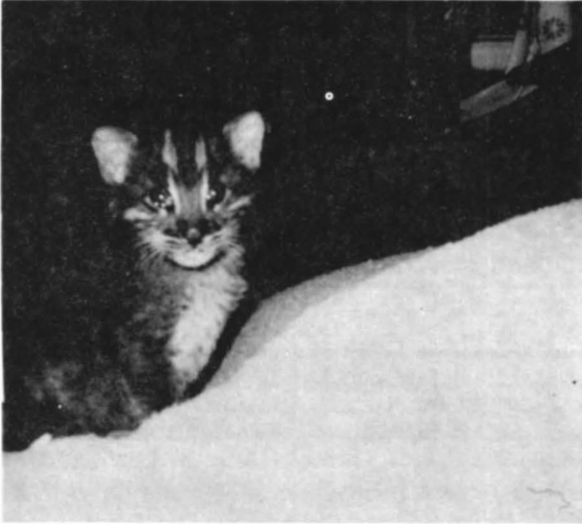
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Shirley 

Asian Golden Cat

Domestic Born



by Arnette Barnett
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After a long and disappointing three and one-half year wait, our Asian Golden Cats, Mommy and Apollo, have finally come through with a little boy.

On December thirty first, I noticed what appeared to be evidence of mating activity. Mommy Cat's neck was all bitten up, and she was extremely vociferous towards the male. Figuring on a gestation of 72-74 days, I hoped for a birth between March 12th and 14th. **This** pair of cats are extremely compatible, and are allowed to remain together at all times, but in case of a pregnancy, I decided to separate them on March 3rd. We kept a close eye on Mommy Cat, but she never showed any of the normal signs of an impending delivery. Her nipples didn't swell, and no fetal movements were seen. She did not even prepare for the delivery by building a nest, or removing any fur from around her nipples.

Still, I hoped, and on March 12th, I noticed what appeared to be light contractions. This persisted for more than 24 hours, without gaining in intensity, although she was obviously in discomfort. **Late** Monday, March 13th, it was decided to give her an injection of Pitocin to help her contractions along. **Getting her** into a box and giving her a shot only upset her, and by then, all contractions stopped. On March 14th, still not knowing whether or not she was pregnant, it was decided to knock her down and give her a more thorough examination. For this, she went to Dr. John Jeffries, D. V. M., who has done wonderful work with many of our cats. **She** was given an injection of Ketilar and examined.

At this point, we finally found out that she was pregnant, and also found out that she would have to have a Cæsarian Section. At 12:00 that afternoon, one large male kitten was removed from her uterus. Incidentally, during her 48 hours of labor, the kitten only descended one quarter of an inch.

From then on, Mommy Cat did beautifully. She is not bothering her stitches; and we have been told that there is no reason why she can't have normal deliveries in the future.

Our next problem was the little one. When he was removed, he was more dead than alive. He would not start breathing; he was dehydrated from his extra-long stay in the uterus; and his lungs were filled with mucous. **After all the initial work with him** was over, he was weighed (9 oz.) and tapped, given glucose and temporary enteritis serum. **Then he** was put into an incubator for intensive care.

Since then, it has been uphill all the way; and although he is only three days old, his weight gain is already obvious. He is beginning to look like a little butterball. **Let me make mention that our male tiger** and the newborn share the same birthday, one year apart.

Due to the circumstances of the birth and the fact that Mommy Cat is a very nervous cat, and besides, she had no milk, we decided not to attempt to give her the baby. With no mother-child bond, she surely would have devoured it. **He still stays in an** incubator except when I am feeding him. He is now getting about 12 feedings per day of approximately 6 cc each. **His daily consumption is between two and one-half and three ounces.** Needless to say, we love him already. He is getting stronger and friskier by the day. Originally, we were going to call him Ceasar for his type of birth, but later we decided that it would be nicer to call him "Jeff", for the veterinarian that had worked so hard to make his life possible.

RECENT PROGRESS REPORT ON "JEFF"

Jeff, now 11 weeks old, is at least as big as any five months old domestic kitten, and just about as agile. **The growth that has taken place in the mere eleven weeks that he has been with us has been phenomenal;** and Jeff is well on his way to becoming a truly beautiful Golden Cat.

Jeff has adopted me as his mommy, and seeks me out when he's tired, hungry, or just wants affection. He sleeps with me at night, and nurses on my neck, fingers or lip most of that time. **He is quite an affectionate little** boy, even with stranger, doesn't show any of the normal "kitten fears", and appears to be very well adjusted, although somewhat babyish. **I guess tis is to be expected.** He was already ten weeks old by the time he finally learned to lap milk out of a bowl, and he still prefers his bottle.

Jeff has completed his preliminary course of immunization, and the typical "infant danger period" is just about over. **His doctor says that he is just perfect,** the picture of health.

"JEFF'S" PROGRESS CHART

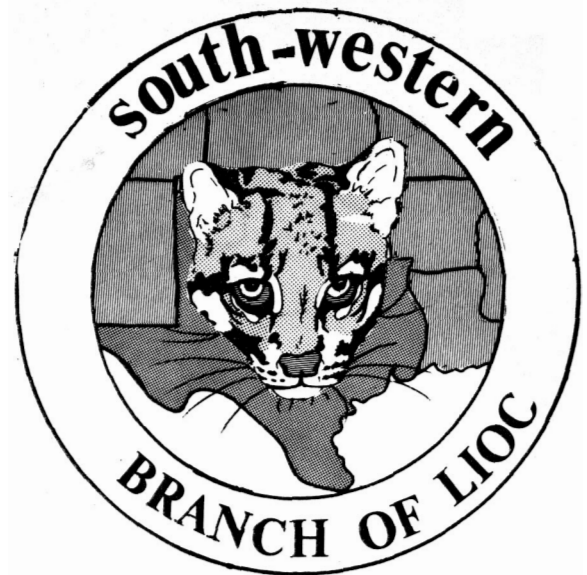
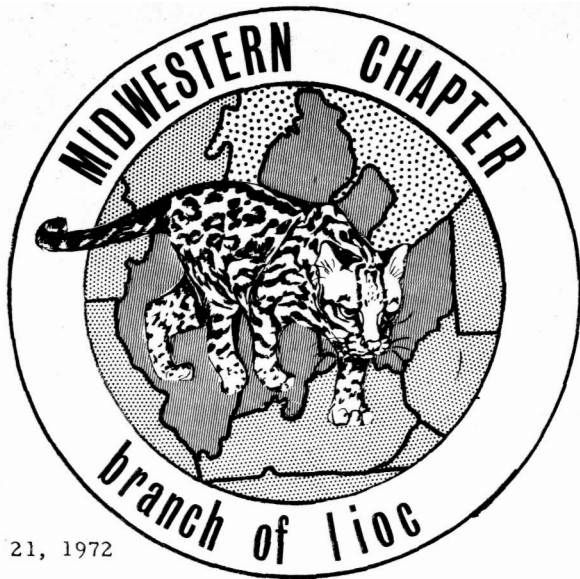
As an aid for others who might breed Golden Cats we are reproducing, in full detail, a chart showing Jeff's development to date on Page 4.

Jeff's Development Chart



(SEE PAGE THREE for Jeff's Story)

AGE	TEETH	WEIGHT	EYES	VACCINATIONS	FOOD	OTHER PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENTS
Birth		9 oz		Temporary	Glucose and Enfamil (eyedropper)	Incubator - 78-80°
6 Days		14 oz		Temp		Umbilical cord drops
10 Days			Outer corner, right, opening			
11 Days			Left opens a slit			Ears starting to stand up
12 Days	2 upper incisors visible		Both 95% open			
13 Days				Temp.		
15 Days	4 lower incisors visible	1 lb 3 oz	Start to clear		Start adding cereal to formula	Tries to walk, hind legs still weak
20 Days			Iris and pupil visible			Takes 4 - 6 steps per time, sits up
22 Days	2 upper incisors visible					Walks well, changes direction, responds to voice
23 Days		1 lb 7 oz	Very clear			Hits objects with paws, hides and jumps
24 Days	2 upper incisors visible					
25 Days	2 lower incisors visible				Strained chicken on finger	
27 Days		1 lb 11 oz		Temp		Removed from incubator to carton
28 Days	2 upper canines break through				KMR/ w cereal, strained egg yolk	
30 Days	Lower right canine	1 lb 13 oz				
31 Days	Lower left canine through		Very clear, sees objects			Urinate spontaneously, uses litter pan
34 Days		2 lb 1 oz		Temp.	Add Zu-Preem	
43 Days	1 ea., upper and lower rt. and left molar					
46 Days	1 ea., lower rt. and left molar		Starting to change color			
48 Days	1 ea. upper rt. and left molar	2 lb 12 oz		Temp.		Jumps from object to object
54 Days		3 lb 8 oz				
61 Days		4 lb 4 oz				
62 Days				Permanent	Zu-Preem	
68 Days		5 lb				Learns to lap water from bowl
77 Days		6 lb		2nd Perm.		Adult fur starting to grow in at face



May 21, 1972

Our May meeting was held at the Cincinnati Zoo. Attending the meeting were Ben and Corrine Goodman, Leonard and Patti Ridgway, Donnie Mike Coe, Linda and Harold Harrah, and of course, my husband, Bart, and I.

We all had a delightful surprise awaiting us at the zoo. Mr. Kenneth Hetrick brought down his entire family from Perrysburg, Ohio, including Ginger, his beautiful young ocelot. Ginger has an excellent disposition; she can be trusted with all the Hetrick children - including their baby!

Before holding our meeting, we toured the Cincinnati Zoo. Particular interest was paid to their fine collection of exotic cats. Many of their large cats gave birth to cubs this spring. The zoo has one young puma cub, one young black leopard cub, two young leopard cubs, one young lion cub, and a snow leopard cub that was born recently.

After visiting the cats, we held our meeting in the picnic area of the zoo. At the last meeting of the Midwest Branch we held election of officers. Patti Ridgway was elected as President, Linda Harrah was elected Corresponding Secretary, Corrine Goodman was elected Treasurer, and I was elected as Recording Secretary.

At this meeting we discussed how to use our Club funds to help our exotic feline friends. Several suggestions were made on how to use the money, but nothing definite was decided upon. If you have any suggestions, please write to: Patti Ridgway, Rt. #3, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

Our next meeting will be held at Blacklick Woods, July 9th. For directions, please contact: Linda Harrah, Box 61, Ruckeye Lake, Ohio 43008.

We would like to have a good turn out at our next meeting. After all, we new officers need all the advice and help from the other members that we can get. So come on, pack a lunch and attend our next meeting at Blacklick Woods. Bring your cat if you have one. If you do not have a cat, make plans to attend anyway. Let's make this branch into something really worthwhile!!!

Spots and Stripes Forever,

Janet DiNardo
Recording Secretary

MEETING REPORT

SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH

March 4, 1972

Saturday afternoon, March 4th, was the time; Col. and Madeline Tansley provided the hospitality for the latest get-together of the Southwestern Branch.

Approximately twenty-five members and guests were in attendance; and all had a great time snacking and catching up on the latest "cat talk."

I don't know which was the most fun, seeing everyone again or wading through the fantastic array of goodies Madeline Tansley had prepared. Whenever Madeline has a hand in preparing the food, you can expect some of the greatest eating anywhere.

After an hour or so of socializing, Dr. Roger Harmon called the meeting to order. After his customary welcome to members and guests, we got down to the serious business of discussing and making plans for the National Convention.

It was decided that we would hold the Convention in Dallas on the 10, 11, and 12 of August. These dates were selected for numerous reasons; children would still be out of school, most company vacation periods would still be in effect, and also it is far enough ahead of Labor Day and some of the other Dallas activities so as not to interfere. We also wanted to make this decision in enough time to give members throughout the country sufficient notice to make plans to attend.

We have blocked off 150 rooms at the Quality Motel, 2015 North Industrial Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75207. Phone: 214-741-7481. Room prices are \$14.50 for a single and \$16.50 for a double. When making reservations, members should definitely identify themselves as being with the Long Island Ocelot Club. Shirley Treanor has accepted the responsibility of acting as clearing house for advance preparations for the Convention. Shirley Treanor, as most of you already know, is the National Secretary-Treasurer. Her address and phone number appear with the staff on all Newsletters.

See you all in Dallas! Don't forget to bring your cat!

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Leake
Co-Vice President



MEETING REPORT

CASCADE BRANCH

May 7, 1972

"AN INITIATIVE PROPOSAL TO REGULATE WILD ANIMALS" Be it enacted by the people of the State of Washington:

"It shall be unlawful to purchase, sell, attempt to sell, transport or import any live wild animal of a species that is not native to the state of Washington. The prohibitions of this section shall include reptiles, amphibians, birds and the eggs thereof, provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to;

1. institutions of higher learning
2. publicly owned zoos, bodies, or agencies
3. gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, chinchillas, mink, nutria, beaver or rabbits
4. canaries, parakeets and myna birds"

The above proposal is the reason for the tardiness of Cascade meetings and reports, and is at the same time the reason for this particular meeting.

As you may have gathered from recent Cascade branch reports, attempts to legislate exotic animal owners here have been a constant pain. I have probably said more than most care to hear about the need to get something in writing that we can live with before some well meaning but uninformed klutz does the job for us, and I intend to do more in this report, but I first wish to point to the proposal above as an outstanding example of the sore of thing I've been warning against. **Should this initiative pass**, it will open a can of worms which has the potential to hurt everybody concerned with animals, and many who are not. For example, you will note that there are no exceptions to the transportation and importation ban in the initiative. This means no veterinary care, no breeding programs, should an exotic owner change residence he may be required to have his animals destroyed-----even a circus may not play here. The sponsors of this bill did not, I'm certain, wish such effects, but in their zeal to get something on the street they simply wrote first and thought afterward.

The meeting was held at the home of Bea Lloyd and Mary Seyersdahl in Everett, Washington, about 30 people attended. As noted, the discussion was limited to the petition, its potential effects, what is being done to fight it, and what alternatives to it exist. Some of its harmful potential has already been discussed, so I won't go into it further. As to what is being done to fight it, a group has been formed, composed of all exotic animal clubs in the area, boarding kennels assn., the pet dealer's assn., hunting clubs, pheasant breeders, ornamental bird breeders, etc. The group intends to (hopefully) stop the initiative from obtaining the signatures

needed to place it on the ballot, should that fail it hopes to defeat it at the polls. The campaign is, at this time, being kept at a low level. This is because we want to stop the drive as effectively as possible without attracting potential signer's attention, and because we don't want to blow all out effective publicity now, and have none left should the sponsors obtain the needed signatures. If we must fight this thing at the ballot box, we will need to run a carefully planned campaign which starts as a murmur and rises to a shout about two days before the election. This is because if our efforts "peak" too early, the measure's supporters may gain back votes. The campaign at this time is largely one of locating areas where the petition is being circulated, and taking the truth into those areas, and making certain that publicity favoring the initiative by the news media is answered by our group. Where its sponsors advertise, we arrange to run a counter advertisement next to theirs. As I see it, we have two alternatives, should we successfully dump this measure. The first is the easiest, we simply go on as we have and hope that some other well meaning nut doesn't crusade us all into a similar situation... or a worse one. Since this type of thing has been going on, and increasing in strength for about 3 years now, I have little doubt that we will be into another of these very shortly, unless we cure our own problems ourselves. This of course, is our other alternative. I realize that many members will hit the roof over such proposals, but I can only refer them to the measure at the top of this report, and point out that if we all had been a bit more inclined to put the finger on bad importers and dealers, and actively hunt for potential trouble makers who own exotics of all types we might not be in this position. I feel that this may be our last chance to write a law which will still allow those of us who love our animals to enjoy them, but which will also answer the problems which bring these attempted bans before us. I personally (I can't speak here for anyone but myself) favor the following;

1. Place all wild animals under the supervision of the game department.
2. Establish minimum care and facilities standards for these animals.
3. Establish a 2 class game farmer's license (commercial and hobby)
4. Establish procedure to obtain licences (facilities inspection, etc.) make it mandatory that permit is issued before animals are obtained.

I don't mind having my place inspected, and I don't mind paying a license fee, or maintaining records which go with a game farmer's license if it will keep cats out of the hands of screwballs, and give our well meaning friends reason to find some new garden to raid. Again, I know that the very thought of this sort of thing is appalling to lots of us but, again, we should admit that by not trying to control problems which brought us to our present position, we should consider ourselves fortunate to have any say in this.

After the debate concerning the proposal, the meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be held at Bill Boyle on Sunday 11 June, 1972. At this meeting, a new coordinator for the cascade branch will be named.

John Paramore

Anorexia

by

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In most cases, a cat refuses to eat during an illness. In some cases, he does not begin to eat again voluntarily after the acute stage of the disease is controlled.

In the case of a severely debilitated cat, and especially that of a young kitten, who have little reserve to supply the energy needed for vital functions for more than a short period, prolonged anorexia (absence of appetite) may result in death.

Anorexia during convalescence may be due to: absence of, or insufficiency of digestive juices. In the case of upper respiratory infections, failure of the sense of smell.

In the event that the cat is dehydrated, one or two subcutaneous (under the skin) injections of fluid may institute the flow of digestive juices and return of the appetite. For this, I use lactated Ringer's solution. This is injected subcutaneously in amount of 10 cc per pound body weight at 12 hour intervals. Parenteral B complex vitamins, vitamin B-12 and ascorbic acid given along with this fluid in appropriate amounts is advantageous.

In any case, after the acute stage of an illness is over the young kitten has little reserve to supply the energy needed for vital functions for more than a short period.

Force feeding a kitten or a larger cat; that is, putting bits of food in his mouth and trying to make him swallow, most times entails quite a struggle by both the cat and the one attempting to feed him. This struggling of the cat inhibits the flow of the juices needed to digest the food, if the feeder is successful in getting any of it in the cat. Usually more of the food ends up in the cat's fur and on the one feeding him, than in the cat's stomach. Otherwise, the cat can ill afford the loss of energy used in struggling.

Though there is usually some struggle in getting a tube into a cat's stomach, it should be little more than in getting one bite of food in him.

Stomach tubes (per se) are not available in sizes suitable to use in the smaller cats and kittens but rubber catheters of appropriate size can usually be found. These come in various sizes, size 8 French being the smallest usually available. The higher the number, the greater the diameter.

The tube may be attached to a veterinary dose syringe or to a hypodermic syringe of sufficient volume to hold the amount of food to be given.

The length of the tube to be entered into the cat is determined. This being the distance along his ventral surface from his mouth to the end of his sternum (where the last ribs join). A strip of tape is put around the tube at this point.

The tube is lightly oiled, any surplus removed (I use vaseline). In larger animals, it is usually entered through a nostril. In smaller cats, I prefer to enter it through the mouth, keeping the tip of the tube running along the palate (roof of the mouth) until it curves down the esophagus. This is to avoid chance of the tube entering the trachea (windpipe). In either case, it is gently pushed in to the tape mark. The food is expressed from the syringe and the tube gently withdrawn.



It is well to have two people to perform this procedure. The assistant stands at the end of a table. The cat's posterior end against him, his hands holding the cat's front legs and his arms held tightly along the sides of the cat. The operator with one hand over the cat's head opens the cat's mouth by pressure of a finger and thumb on corners of mouth and inserts tube. It would be well to see this procedure performed by a competent veterinarian. The cat is not likely to close his mouth tightly after the tube enters the esophagus.

If the cat is not weaned, a milk formula may be given. If he is weaned, a soft food such as Gerber's strained beef or chicken, warmed to body temperature is the choice. It is well to mix pepsini vinum in amount of 1/4 gr per 10 pounds body weight with the first few feedings. This is to digest the food in event the food does not stimulate flow of gastric juice. Nor more than one fourth of his normal food intake should be given for the first several feedings.

If he vomits, his stomach is not yet ready to accept food. Try again next day with a smaller amount of food.

Until the cat is eating voluntarily, tube feeding is repeated in four hour intervals.

Water should be withheld for one half hour before and after feeding.

As a rule, food in the stomach soon stimulates flow of gastric juice and the cat begins to eat voluntarily.

Determination by a competent veterinarian on the advisability of and time to begin tube feeding is valuable.

Readers Write

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND I PRAY THAT IT CONCERNS YOU ALL! IN THE BODY OF THIS LETTER YOU WILL FIND A PLEA FROM AN OWNER AND LOVER OF OCELOTS AND OTHER CATS. IT MIGHT REFLECT SOME EMOTIONALISM AND IT MIGHT REFLECT SOME ANGER: BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING YOU WILL FIND THE DEPTHS OF SINCERITY.

I have been the owner of an ocelot for three years now. His name is Tigre. He is by nature the gentlest and most beautiful creature I have ever known. He has been my personal pet from the time he was a small kitten. I loved him and nursed him back to health when he was sick. Before obtaining him I studied all literature about ocelots available at the time. **My one mistake was that I did not study the law.** I innocently and, I am sorry to say, ignorantly went about my life without knowledge of the written rules and regulations which exist in our county. All went well for three years. Then my husband and I decided to buy a home. **We did, and thus moved into a new neighborhood.** Our most immediate neighbors met and loved Tigre. He is very friendly with all people. He does not discriminate between friends and strangers, adults or children. **Basically he is innocent of all the faults which lurk in human nature.**

One particular neighbor, from afar, glimpsed over the fence and decided that we had a wild animal on the premises. **An so the wheels of justice started turning.** Only this time I question the validity of the direction.

My husband and I have decided out of love for and loyalty to the pet we love, that we will fight a court battle in favor of our cat regardless of the financial loss. We hope to win and certainly are determined to win. **And this is why I write this letter.** I am at a loss, at this point, as to where I can obtain information pertaining to the legality of the ocelot as a domestic pet. **The regulation we are fighting states that it is unlawful to own anything "other than a customary pet".** We hoped to do this by pointing up the numerous amount of ocelots in captivity at this time as well as bringing light to the fact that few zoos will accept ocelots as they are too common. **I beg of you all,** anyone who might have any ideas or suggestions, please respond to my plea for help. **I am fluctuating between depression and anger,** but mainly I am overwhelmed with bewilderment that I should awaken from my dream world to find myself in the midst of such a nightmare. I have never felt so threatened before in my life. If any of you know of any case histories of similar struggles, please send me some information. **And if you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to call me collect.** 305-665-2193. I am humble and grateful for any help, encouragement or moral support.

Please answer my plea. Please.

Sincerely,

Aloha Vella

Dear Sir,

I am writing because I love cats, all cats, and hope to see them protected. I feel very strongly about this as I know many of you do. I do not own an exotic as yet, but hope to. I am hoping that the Newsletter will not be down on exotic pet owners. I have found that most people are down on my owning an exotic. My only answer is that owning an exotic is a responsibility I don't take lightly. **And I really do believe that most exotic pet owners are very serious about their pets and the responsibilities that go with having one.**

The Newsletter is very important to me because if I am to provide an exotic with a good home, the Newsletter is my only real source of information. I am hoping it continues to inform people, for I feel this is so important.

I do have one other thought at this time and that is, that all exotic owners should breed their pets and in this way help your exotic (whatever species) to survive.

Sincerely,

Ginger Bordwell

Dear Sir,

With all due respect to Bill Engler et al, I see no reason to produce "breeds" of cats, such as the Bengal cat, as well as the Tiglons and Ligers produced elsewhere, and Leonon experiments of Japanese Zoos. Nor, do I believe that we should attempt to modify cats by interbreeding them with domestics to make a better "pet". Anyone that wants an exotic for a pet should accept it for what it is, and if they can't do that, **should** abandon the idea of getting one at all. As far as breeding is concerned, I believe that it should always be the ultimate goal, but only to propagate the species as such. Isn't that what's really **important?**

Sincerely,

Arnette Barnett

MORE ON TAMI'S FIVE LEOPARD KITTENS ... The following is an excerpt from a letter by Dave Salisbury to Catherine Cisin, Founder of LIOC.

We lost one of the babies, but the remaining four are doing beautifully. They have passed the four week mark, and the formula has been thickened and increased. **Gerber's baby cereal has been added.** Next week they will go on Gerber's strained meat as we start weaning them off the bottle.

Number five, the female which was born 60 hours after the first four, will surely be a remarkable cat. At this age, she is advanced much further than the others. Her temperament is beautiful. **As I am sure she will remain with us, her name will be Catherine.** I wonder how I came up with that name!

Dear Sir,

As a new member of LIOC of a short 4 months, and a very new owner of my own ocelot, of 1 month, I would like to share with you and our fellow members about my ocelot.

His name is Tigrea, and is a very healthy 4 1/2 years old. He is domestic born, and his parents were imported in from the jungles. Just where, I'm not certain, as I do now know the people who own his parents. He weighs 50 pounds, and is, to me anyway, a very beautiful, loving, and mischievous cat, all rolled into one.

I am his third owner. The first lady, who purchased him, became disenchanted when he was 6 months old because of his mischievous play, and sold him to the second woman, from whom I purchased him.

The second woman kept Tigrea for 4 years. She loved him, played with him, and trained him very well. The only reason she sold him to me is that she opened up a business of her own, and taking Tigrea back and forth to work with her, had to keep him in a cage most of the time. She loved Tigrea, and could not stand to see him caged, so one day she called me and asked if I would take him. Of course, loving him the first time I saw him, I said yes.

The first two weeks weeks were pretty hectic, and **very hard and confusing for Tigrea**. He could not understand why she wasn't with him anymore, plus the fact of new surroundings and new people. **But I have been, and will continue, giving him all my love and attention whenever he wants it, and this he lets you know about to!**

The first two weeks he stayed in his cage, not knowing if he should trust me or not, but now he comes out of his cage very readily for his day of play and love. His cage is now called his bed, as this is where he goes, on his own every night.

Tigrea talks to me now and I'm learning what each mouw means. He greets me in the morning with a soft mouw, and sits with me while I have my morning coffee. His mouw for play is loud, yet not too loud, and full of mischief. When he is hungry, well, there is no mistake about that loud mouw.

His play is chewing on my cowboy boot, playing tug of war with a nylon rope, or taking all the cushions off our couch and love-seat, just to watch me put them back again! **Sometimes he takes one cushion, puts it on our coffee table, and lays on it, looking like "the King of Beasts"**.

His way of loving me is just the opposite. He will mouw, very softly, rub his head on my arms and lap, and wait for me to sit down, so he can lay across my lap and nurse or suck on my arm. He will do this for hours at a time, all the while, purring, if you can call it a purr. He sucks very softly and doesn't leave a mark on my arm. **At times, he will raise up and kiss me on my nose or chin. He is really something, and I love him. Our relationship is becoming closer and closer, and I know he loves me too. That is the greatest thing of all, his trust and love.**

Tigrea is defanged, declawed and neutered. This was done by a previous owner. The declawing I can understand, as he does play rough at times, but not very often; but if I had obtained him as a kitten, the defanging and neutering - never!

I was bitten twice, the first day with Tigrea, and only because he was frightened. **First, I picked up a stuffed toy he had found, and in reaching for the toy again, he got my finger too. The other bite came about when Tigrea was laying across my lap, and I started to scratch his stomach. He doesn't like that, and let me know about real fast!** The bites were not bad, but I learned two lessons that first day; don't take a toy away from him too fast, and don't scratch his tummy. Tigrea has not tried to bite since that day. That is why I say he bit from fright.

Tigrea has never been leash trained, so we are going through this at the present time. The way I'm starting out is by leaving the leash on him all day, and he drags it with him. At times I will try to get him to follow me while I hold the leash, but he still fights me, so I'll keep trying. **I don't know if he will become leash trained or not, because he is 4 1/2 years old, and never had to wear one before.**

I hope you enjoy my little story of Tigrea, because he is quite a cat. I'll write more later on, and let you know how we, Tigrea and I, progress.

Thanks for letting me share.

Sincerely,

Judy Reynolds

Dear Sir,

Here I am, writing again, hopefully with a good idea that will be helpful to all our members, and anyone else that is interested in exotic cats.

What I have in mind is a Reference Guide Handbook. This Handbook will be composed of questions that people have asked me already about exotics, and answers to these questions in a manner of reference to the books that will cover these questions, and comments from people that I have written to and given me their opinions of these questions.

If our members have any questions to ask me, and want me to find out the books that will be most helpful; or if they wish me to write to people who have had experience with the same type of exotic cat that they have, then they can write to me, asking the questions they have, mentioning the type of cat that they own or are interested in. **With their patience, I will get together the information needed, and compose the Handbook.**

I hope that our members will be interested in this, as I find that I need such a book with all the questions that I have myself. **Please let me know what you think of my idea.** I will keep up my research which has been going on for a year now. **I can be contacted by writing to:**

Mrs. Judy Reynolds
3519 Crestview Drive
Pittsburg, California 94565

Sincerely,

Judy Reynolds



ACTIVITIES REPORT

ALLIANCE TO CONSERVE EXOTIC CATS

SEMINAR POSTPONED

The invitational camp-in featuring a seminar on exotic cat nutrition originally scheduled for July 14th - 16th, 1972, at Lake Lopex, California has been postponed because of difficulties in securing the camp for the desired dates. However, the A. C. E. C. Activities Committee plans to reschedule the event for the summer of 1973 (probably in July), and invites LIOC members across the country to start planning now for a summer vacation in California next year!

PANEL DISCUSSION: RAISING EXOTIC KITTENS

On Sunday, April 16th, at the home of John and Julene Jackson, a highly informative and interesting presentation was given by panelists Harry Born, Virginia English, and Lillian Smith on the topic of raising exotic kittens. Each of the panelists are experienced and successful exotic cat owners; and their discussion covered the entire spectrum of kitten raising from pre-mating nutrition and pre-natal care, through gestation, parturition, and post-parturition, and on to weaning, and the placing of kittens in new homes. Expanded transcripts of this discussion will be for sale, probably by late summer, and will be announced in a future Newsletter.

SPRING PICNIC

The emphasis was on fun and excitement at Bill and Ginny Gerhardt's 17 acre ranch in Perris, California, where a good showing of members and cats turned out for the picnic meeting and "swimming pool party" held Sunday, May 21st. Why is swimming pool party in quotes? Guess what went swimming in the Gerhardt's lovely pool. Humans? Guess again! First, the Gerhardts' male ocelot, "Shikar," then Lenny and Jackie Lucafos' female ocelot, "Mai Tai," and last - but hardly least - the Gerhardts' female cougar, "Chaucette"!

Not to be outdone by a bunch of wet-heads, and providing the day's greatest commotion was "Van Piro", an almost-aptly named male ocelot who slipped his collar, bit the hand that fed him (owner, Mike Landry) and split into the wilds for a feline re-creation of "The Great Escape"! Happily, however, he was finally cornered, collared, and caged by the team efforts of a two-legged posse. Making all this even more "Hollywood" was the fact that one of Bill Burrud's Animal World crews was there capturing part of the day on film for a segment on "Pets" to be aired next January.

Other cats present were "Rahma", a rambunctious male margay belonging to Bob and Lil Smith; and one of John and Julene Jacksons' hybrid leopard cats, with two of her six-weeks-old 3/4ths leopard cat kittens - they are gorgeous!

The serious side of the meeting dealt with the value vrs. the cost of maintaining the A. C. E. C. answering service; cats needing homes; and the pathetic story of a seven-months-old margay kitten deserted by its owners in a Southern California animal shelter, where it contracted feline enteritis and died. **WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.**

Respectively,
Diana (Campbell) Stuart



The GREATER NEW YORK BRANCH OF LIOC is still very much alive! Come on out to our

1972 Summer Shindig

and help us prove it. Come around noon and stay as long as you like!

Saturday, July 15, 1972 at Summer home of
Cathe and Bill Westhall
84 June Avenue
Flanders, New York Phone: 727 0741

Cathe (identified by her young son as "Dragon Lady") hopes for a record crowd once again. **She suggests** you bring food to her Pot Luck, although there will be lots there waiting for you. And BRING CATS! Bring booze if you choose: Fixin's will be on hand.

This is not primarily a meeting - rather a fun day - although two items may be "transacted".

1. Barbara Stager (444 Atlantic Avenue, Oceanside, New York 11572, Phone: 516-536-5023) who is coordinator of the GNY Branch, will seek new blood (figurative, of course) in her position. So, enthusiastic, energetic volunteers, exercise your hand-raising muscles to be in condition. We'll have a contest to see who wins the event.

2. Reservations for our Dallas (National Convention) roundup will be recorded. Cathe is custodian: she is in a position to secure lowered rates for a group larger than ten flying together. "Straight" airfare from N. Y. Airports to Dallas is \$100, each way. Get your "yesses" ready!

DIRECTIONS: L. I. Expressway East. Exit at #71; right turn to County Road, #94; exit at Route 24 (labelled "Montauk". Follow #24 about 3.8 miles to Long Neck Boulevard. Landmark on left side is Red and White Power Test Gas Station. Turn left here on Long Neck Boulevard about 10 blocks to June Avenue. Turn right on June Avenue to end of Street. Excitement is at the last house on left side - #84 June Avenue. You can't miss it, and believe us, you shouldn't!

Special for non-drivers from the Metropolitan N. Y. Area: Car pools will be formed under the direction of Barbara Stager. Call her: 516-536-5023



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Dr. Roger Harmon and the members of his South-Western (Friendship) Group have scheduled many exciting events for the coming Convention.

HIGHLIGHTS

Privately conducted group tours of: LION COUNTRY SAFARI *and* ANIMAL WORLD
These are scheduled for separate days.

FILM FESTIVAL - giving each LIOC Group the opportunity to bring along and show films of their Branch Members, both human and feline.

Plenty of time for visiting, talking, seeing all the cats.

Attractions such as those offered by Dallas and Fort Worth themselves featuring: Six Flags over Texas (A Texan version, but in this rare case a bit smaller than Disneyland.), Nieman and Marcus and other outstanding shops.

An "Executive - Dutch-treat Breakfast meeting" has been scheduled to include all Branch Officers, National Officers and the Advisory Staff. **The exact date has not yet been set.**

Those attending should definitely plan on being in Dallas through Saturday Night:
As a climax to the Convention, a big Saturday Evening Dinner Meeting is planned.

No activities are being planned for Sunday to allow for last minute chats and visits before departing for homes.

Other activities are in the process of being finalized.

Trip Planning

Pets are MOST welcomed at the Quality Motel.

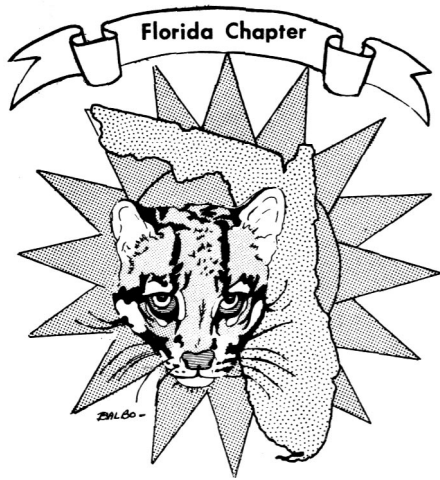
In making reservations at the Quality Motel, please identify yourself as part of the LIOC Convention. A bloc of rooms is being reserved for us.

Motel Rates: Single Room - \$14.50 Double Room - \$16.50

The Motel is on a main thoroughfare, as close to the airport as possible. Roger requests that all members planning to attend let him know. Tell Roger when and how you will be arriving and he will do his best to provide transportation from arrival point to the motel.

Write: Dr. Roger Harmon
401 E. Pinecrest Drive
Marshall, Texas 75670

There will be a Registration Fee, to include the cost of the planned activities at drastically reduced group rates.



MEETING REPORT
 FLORIDA CHAPTER
 May 14, 1972

The May meeting was held on the 14th at Jupiter, Florida. Our hosts were Chuck and Susie Kindt. The Florida Power and Light Company again allowed us the use of their private park, which is just perfect for lots of people and cats, with good shelter in case of rain; and it did rain nearly all day.

Ken called the meeting to order by introducing our special guests: (1) Mr. Stan Brock and friends (didn't get all the names). **Mr. Brock is building a new attraction in Central Florida to be called "Wild Kingdom."** We understand it is now under construction and will be very educational. All animals will be featured in their natural habitats. Mr. Brock attended our meeting in the hope of acquiring a pet jaguar belonging to Joe Harrison. I understand that this worked out fine; we are sure Joe's beautiful male will be very happy in his new home. Members enjoyed meeting and talking with Mr. Brock. We hope he can join us again in the near future. **For those of you who have not read the books written by Mr. Brock, please let me urge you to do so. They are the best you will find on exotics.**

(2) Dan and Shirley were here from Mobile, Alabama. We hope they enjoyed their visit. We enjoyed visiting with them and their Margay "Critter." Seems like they got rid of one cat ("Paka", who is now a permanent member of the Marlot Breeding Farm,) and returned home with two beautiful kittens, obtained from Bob Roth. Oh well, that's the way it goes with "cat people." Hope they will pay us another visit real soon.

(3) Mr. and Mrs. Salegenbene, members from Maryland, have also joined our group. Glad to have you folks with us.

Business: Jean reported that we sold 26 decals and 6 packs of Pepper Notes. This leaves 21 more decals to break even; and she has six more packs of notes left.

Chuck reported on what has been worked out by the West Palm Beach City Commission. In effect: Can have an exotic, even the large ones if securely and adequately caged. **They can not be walked on a leash at any time, not even to the vet's.** Would like to get the Florida

Fresh Water Fish and Game Commission's regulations incorporated into city or county laws, so as not to be duplicated by several agencies-not worked out as yet.

We discussed John and Aloha Vella's problem in Dade County. (See Aloha's letter and plea in the Readers Write Column, Pg. 8. Ed.) They were cited for:

1. Not having a "wild animal" permit. (Only one has ever been issued.)
2. Keeping an exotic in zoning which only allows "customary pets". They were given until May 16th to remove the cat, but they will go to court if necessary. **The group held a discussion on why the complainant is picking on a cat she has never even seen.** Such is life.

Vitamins: Ken pointed out that most vitamins do not contain D2. Animals must use the calcium additives such as steamed bone meal. Therefore he recommends fortified calcium and phosphorous with D2 added. (NOTE- Vitamins are not calcium.)

After more visiting, everyone enjoyed a delicious **barbeque dinner.** Bob Hartkopf would like everyone to know that his new cage is now completed-even if some folks thought it would take a year. By the way, Bob, the Hatfields and the Douglases would like to thank you again for the beautiful pictures. **You're a great guy.**

Births: Chuck and Susie report the birth of two jaguarundis. They were too young to attend the meeting.

Deaths: I'm sorry to report that Chuck and Susie lost their precious little puma just before the meeting. Autopsy revealed cirrhosis of the liver. **They are awaiting the results of more tests to determine what caused the cirrhosis. "Squeakie" was a South American puma, and quite small, weighing only sixty pounds.** She was a little over five years old, and loved by all who knew her. She will be missed for a long time.

NEWS FLASH: For those of you who haven't heard:

After the meeting, and just a mile or so from the park, Dan Harvell, his girlfriend Jackie, and ocelot, "Lawrence" were involved in an auto accident. As I understand it, Dan stopped for a car that had stopped in front of him. The car behind ran into Dan's "dune buggy" throwing Jackie and "Lawrence" out. **Dan was pinned in the car.** The Lamberts, also club members, were about three cars behind. **They saw "Lawrence" crouched on the road, grabbed him, and placed him in their truck.** Jackie was treated for a bad cut under her chin and lots of bruises. She was then released from the hospital. Dan has a broken neck and severe head injuries but no paralysis. He was having trouble with his memory, not recalling Jackie or his ocelot. **I understand that he is making progress, although he is still in very serious condition at this time.**

The ocelot had on a chain choke collar with a nylon leash fastened to a "boat cleat" type of thing in the dune buggy. By some miracle, the collar broke as he was thrown from the car. **He was very fortunate to escape injury, and was taken to Chuck and Susie.** They checked with his veterinarian who advised them to keep him quiet as he seemed to be in shock. **He remained with the Kindts overnight and was returned home the next day.**

Our prayers are with Dan. We sincerely hope that he will soon be as good as new.

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FOR A DEAD KITTEN

Put the rubber mouse away,
Pick the spools up from the floor.
What was velvet-shod, and gay,
Will not want them any more.

What was warm, is strangely cold
Whence dissolved the little breath?
How could this small body hold
So immense a thing as Death?

This poem was discovered and submitted by
Rick Murphy of the Central States Branch.

The following story is neither an ad nor an endorsement; rather, it is presented as an item of interest to exotic owners pertaining to the nutritional needs of our cats.

P. E. T. S. (Paxton Enterprises Telephone Sales) is a pure fresh natural high protein, low carbohydrate food for carnivorous animals to provide balanced nutrition.

The P. E. T. S. Story

Some years back when Mr. Paxton became involved in importing and training jungle cats such as ocelots, puma, and leopard cats for people as house pets, he experienced a problem keeping the big cats healthy. At first this was attributed to the change in environment. The cats were captured as kittens in the jungles of South America, Africa and Asia by the natives and sold in the cities to exporters who sent them to the United States. This sudden change in climate and environment could reasonably be expected to have some effect on the cats. However, by trying every combination of foods, vitamins, minerals and food supplements available in Ventura County, some limited success was experienced in keeping the cats healthy. But, even with the most successful combinations, the cats would do well for a limited period of time and then they would start to show signs of deficiency, loss of weight, decreased energy, loss of gloss in their coats, dry skin, diarrhea, worms, etc.

At this stage, results were pretty discouraging. All of the available canned foods had been tried in combination with the dry foods and vegetables. Frozen pet foods which included by-products, horse meat or meat market scraps were tried alone and in combination with the canned and dried foods. All of these food combinations were supplemented with vitamins, minerals and special additives recommended for specific symptoms such as dry skin, etc. Rabbits and chicken were included in the diet, resulting in temporary improvement. All in all, tho, the answer had not been found.

It became obvious that a new approach would be required. The hit-and-miss, trial-and-error methods were not producing the desired results. Mr. Paxton was not satisfied with what others considered acceptable, so a thorough study was initiated into the evolution of carnivores, their eating habits and nutritional requirements. The aid of friends in the universities and students of nutrition was solicited, a library of available work on this subject was accumulated.

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Updating the Veterinarian List

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING VETERINARIANS
NAMES AND ADDRESSES TO YOUR PRESENT LIST:

CALIFORNIA

Charles Berger, D. V. M.
Campus Veterinary Clinic
1807 Grove Street
Berkeley, California 94709

KANSAS

Galen Bird, D. V. M.
Metcalf South Animal Clinic
9639 Metcalf
Overland Park, Kansas 66212
913-381-9100

TEXAS

Joe E. Cannon, D. V. M.
Parkway Animal Clinic
504 N. Carrier Parkway
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050
263-5011

CANADA

Ross Major, D. V. M.
Anderson Animal Hospital
60 Marion Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada

PLEASE DELETE THE FOLLOWING:

TEXAS

Dr. Reeves
5512 S. Thorton Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75200
214-371-8383

(Florida Meeting Report from Page 12.)

Our thanks to Chuck and Susie for such a nice meeting. My apologies to all the members who asked me to please print the names of the members and cats attending. I promise to do this next time. We had over 100 people and 10 species of felines plus one baby kinkajou-just too many to list with such a long report.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held in Ft. Pierce, at the home of Bob and Carol Roth. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sadie Douglas
Corresponding Secretary

Mid Atlantic Branch

Artistic Reunion

MEETING REPORT

MID-ATLANTIC STATES BRANCH

June 4, 1972

Sunday, June 4, was the date of the Mid-Atlantic States Branch's last meeting. We had a fairly good turnout and once again enjoyed the hospitality of our Dr. Ray McPeck.

As was discussed at the meeting prior to this, we held officer elections. Jim Nolan and I were again elected as coordinators for our branch. (I would here like to thank our members for their faith in us.) Bette Human was elected as our new treasurer. We would like to thank George Schwartz for handling that job so efficiently for the last several years.

We brought out the fact that the club members would like to get together as a group of friends in addition to the regular meetings that we hold. Jim and Judy Kamenik were kind enough to offer their home as the site of a picnic after which all those attending could go to one of the race tracks near their home. A date has not yet been decided upon, but we will notify the members as to which Saturday in July it will be. **The picnic will start around 3:00 P.M.** The races start at 8:00.

Another event coming up shortly is Cathe Westhall's picnic. Cathe is a member of the New York Branch of LIOC and we thank her for her invitation. Several of our group have expressed desire to attend.

One point brought up by our members is that very often our cats are so worked up by being brought to meetings that they are not their usual sweet selves. Several people have mentioned that they want to get to know these animals in their own surroundings. **On this note Jim and I would like to say come and visit us.** We are delighted when ever anyone wants to see our cats. Our house is always open. **Just give us a call.** Our telephone number is (201) 289-7524.

We held a raffle to add a little to our treasury and ended up \$15.00 richer. The prize was a lovely tapestry showing a tiger and cubs. Art and Bette Human were kind enough to offer this for our raffle.

We find that very few of our cats have been registered with Cat Fanciers. There is only a \$3.00 registration fee, and this is little enough to pay to have our cats put on the breeding list. **CFA only puts them on the lists for breeding purposes;** however, it does make it a lot easier to find mates.

Our next meeting is going to be held on August 6. We will have it at our house at 1:00 P.M. Cats are, of course, welcome.

Our address is:
842 Jackson Avenue
Elizabeth, New Jersey
(201) 289-7524

If you need directions - give us a call. The food will be as always - Pot Luck or if you can't bring anything, a small contribution would be appreciated.

HOPE TO SEE A BIG TURN-OUT IN AUGUST!!

Ellen Bendl and Jim Nolan

by: Catherine Cisin

Publication deadlines have a way of falling out of phase with the events we like to share with Newsletter readers. **Such an event was the formal pre-public** showing of many of the wildlife brush drawings of J. Sharkey Thomas on Monday, April 3, at Abercrombie and Fitch Company in New York City at Madison and 45th.

Jan Thomas is long since well known to her fellow members through her Christmas Cards and rapidly growing selection of incredible "Pepper Notes", throughout LIOC. Her use of the "J. Sharkey Thomas" signature (her own name, naturally) is an attempt to make her works devoid of sex,

A successful showing, complete with cocktails, in Abercrombie's sixth floor gallery for countless of their selected customers, resulted in a first day sale of seventeen of her pieces. **But this was incidental to the beautiful** reunion she enjoyed that day with some of her old friends she had arranged to invite. Present were Gene and John Brill from Buffalo, Michael Balbo and Richard Seitz from the metropolitan New York area and New Jersey, and Catherine Cisin from Amagansett, N. Y.

We enjoyed Jan's warmth for one or two days. Gene and John Brill departed two days after the showing, having made shipping arrangements for the picture of their ocelot, Cleo, with which Jan gifted them. **Gene's eyes were dimmed** with tears, partly of gratitude and love, but largely in the fresh memory of her March 13th loss of Cleo, reported in the May Newsletter. Jan had not previously met Mike, although she "certainly felt as though I'd known him forever". This reporter is increasingly proud of Jan's oil pastel of Tercera which has hung in the Cisin living room in full view of "Terry" for over two years now.

While we all will cherish the memory of the total experience, we know it is not one which can be repeated. Each one of us has mentally relived the weekend and will do so again and again, attempting to perpetuate its beauty.



Placement Service

LOOKING FOR AN EXOTIC?

SEARCHING FOR A NEW HOME FOR YOURS?

Members are invited to make use of the Long Island Ocelot Club's Placement Service. Write to Shirley Treanor, Placement Coordinator, 1454 Fleetwood Drive East, Mobile, Alabama 36605, (205) 478-8962. Shirley is keeping complete records on all available exotics and will do her best to be of assistance.

ART DIRECTOR

We are very pleased to announce a new member to the National LIOC Staff. John Paramore, 21620 Second, South, Bothell, Washington 98011, (206) 486-0302, has accepted the position of Art Director. Many of John's drawings have been printed and admired in the LIOC Newsletters of the past.

Beginning with the next issue, John's artistic talents will again be evident in LIOC's publication. We're glad to have you with us John!

NUTRITION (Continued from Page 13.)

The major pet food manufacturers were contacted and their laboratory tests studied. A review of the published accounts of the eating habits of cats and coyotes in the wilds disclosed many blanket statements and generalizations which did not agree with observations made by Mr. Paxton during the time he spent in the mountains as a cowboy, packer, hunter and guide during his early life and his recent studies of cats specifically in their natural environment.

Observations were made where game was plentiful in wide variety to determine what the cats and coyotes eat if given free choice, not just what they would kill, but what portion of the kill they would actually eat. It was discovered that one false assumption could easily be made by limited observation of cats feeding or studies of carcasses left after feeding. **This false assumption is that these animals, where food is abundant, choose vegetable matter, i. e. the stomach contents of their kills as part of their diet. True, when food is scarce, stomach contents are eaten as well as berries, fruits, leaves and grass. When food is abundant you may find the remains of a carcass minus stomach and contents but close observation has disclosed that in many instances the stomach and its contents is dragged away and even buried before the cat begins to eat the organs or body. When grass is eaten it is often regurgitated and examination of droppings shows that a large portion of the grains, dry grass, and other vegetable matter eaten by hungry animals passes through undigested. Coyotes and cats in areas where grains, grass, fruits and vegetables were plentiful but deer, rabbits, birds, rats and other small game were scarce appeared to be in poor condition generally.**

Tame jungle cats trained to hunt and living free in the mountains could be closely observed, their kills weighed and examined before they were eaten and the remains examined to determine what had actually been consumed. Other kills were taken from the cats and laboratory analysis made of those portions of the carcass normally eaten by them to determine what specific nutrients were provided. It was found that with tame cats hunting freely where there was an abundance of game and grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables they chose to eat about four times as much in volume of animals such as deer, rabbits, rats, mice and squirrels as they did of birds and consumed only minute amounts of grass and fruit in relation to the quantity of meat. Generally, when they were observed chewing on grass or leaves they eventually spit it out. Of the animals they killed, they consumed generally the heart, liver, kidney, some intestine after shaking it violently to get rid of the con-

tents, about 3/4 of the muscle tissue and all of the fat. They would work hard to consume some of the tendon and work to get bone and bone marrow. Occasionally, the hide was eaten.

Based on these observations and studies, it was determined that given free choice where there was an abundance of food of all varieties, the cats consumed approximately:

65% lean muscle tissue
24% fat
5% liver
1% bone and bone marrow
4% heart, kidney, melt, brain, tendons, tongue, and misc.

Less than 1% grass, grain, leaves, berries, fruit.

Laboratory analysis of these proportions of similar game from which was deducted the nutrient value of that food which passed through these cats undigested or unassimilated showed that they were absorbing or making use of the following nutrients per pound of animal weight:

Protein	2.8 grams
Fat	1.86 grams
Iron	4.8 mg.
Calcium	212 mg.
Phosphorous	320 mg.
Sodium	130 mg.
"A"	3596 units
B1	.06 mg.
B2	.46 mg.
Niacin	7.52 mg.
C	1.8 mg.
Carbohydrate	.6 grams

It became quite obvious the food required was fresh meat if the natural instincts of these animals could be depended upon to select a fully nutritious diet. It was determined that these nutrients could be provided in the proper proportions using beef, freshly killed, mixing in the organ tissue, especially liver and fresh ground bone. **In order to preserve these nutrients it is necessary to quick freeze the beef very soon after killing. Allowing the beef to "hang" and "cure" as is the practice with human food results in an entirely different analysis.**

By providing from cattle the same nutrients as found in the cats' natural prey, he had a basis for beginning a test program. **Two questions remained to be answered.**

1. Would the cats assimilate the same nutrients from the beef as they did from their kills or would a different percentage pass through undigested?

2. Would this diet produce vigorous, healthy animals without supplements and additives?

A controlled experimental program was begun, using domestic cats and tame jungle cats. Some of the results of this program were:

1. Cats fed some grain product along with their meat failed to digest or assimilate much larger proportions of their food.

2. Cats placed on the pure beef diet when they showed evidence of malnutrition ate large volumes the first few days, then rationed themselves.

3. Cats placed on the pure beef combination without any supplements did considerably better than the other cats on other food combinations even with vitamins and mineral supplements.

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New Members

- 1649-572 Timothy W. Atkins, Arlington, Va.
1659-572 Mr & Mrs Charles E. Boldman,
Westerville, Ohio
1653-572 W.G. Boles, Inman, South Carolina
1666-572 Dan Brandenburg, Lynwood, Wash.
1658-572 Charles L. Bryant, Chamblee, Ga.
1668-572 Mr & Mrs John A. Carruthers,
Merritt Island, Fla.
1654-572 R.K. Chaney, Leonardo, N.J.
1661-572 Heide-Marie Fahrenholz, Rinweg,
Germany
1648-572 Edward Frecker, Columbus, Ohio
1662-572 P.J. Gessner, West Melbourne, Fla.
1667-572 Denny C. Johnson, Edmonds, Wash.
1670-572 Mr & Mrs D.A. Kachenbo, Tacoma, Wash.
1664-572 Mr & Mrs R.J. Keatley, San Deigo,
California
1663-572 Larry G. Miller, Twenty-nine Palms,
California
1665-572 Douglas & Linda Mireau, Everett,
Washington
1655-572 Dr. John Osterheld, Matawan, N.J.
1657-572 Darryl & Suzanne Phillips,
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
1671-572 Linda J. Price, West Palm Beach, Fla.
1651-572 Francis J. Quealy, Lawrence, Mass
1660-572 Nathan Robinson, Cherokee Indian
Nation, North Carolina
1652-572 Jane Saglinbene, Hillcrest Hgts, Md.
1669-572-C Dr. S.W.J. Seager, Portland, Ore.
1650-572 Dealana S. Sweatte, New York, N.Y.
1656-572 Yin B. Tomm, Nutley, N.J.

NUTRITION - Concluded

4. After several months on the pure beef combination some of the cats began to reject this food and lose weight. He found that if these cats were given chicken just one day, they went right back to eating the beef combination and rapidly gained their weight back.

THE FINAL STEP

After carefully analysing all of the information accumulated from observations in the wild, research, laboratory tests and observations of the tame cats, the following program was established:

Cattle fresh killed are inspected by representatives of P. E. T. S. and a representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The liver, especially, is required to pass the most stringent examination. The cattle are immediately boned out and the fat is separated from the lean meat. The lean meat is weighed to determine the proportions of other ingredients which are to be put back into the mix. A batch is made up of:

- 65% lean meat
- 22% fat
- 7% liver
- 1 1/2 % fresh ground bone and bone marrow
- 3 1/2 % heart, kidney, tendons, and tongue

This is coarse ground, sealed in one-pound plastic packages and quick frozen. The cats are fed either three or four days of this beef combination and then one day of chicken. Periodically the cats are given a big bone with some meat on it or whole chickens so they have to tear it up, solely for the exercise.

A year has passed now on this final diet with no supplements, no vitamins, no minerals and no medicine.

AMONG THE NEWCOMERS

OCELOTS

Tigger, a young male, belonging to the Boldmans, Lencie, a 30 pounder, living with Yin B. Tomm, and S.P. who claims W.G. Boles as his.

MARGAYS

Arundi, a lady type, living with Linda Price, Vieja, one of the Douglas' kits now belonging to R.K. Chaney, and Tanya, a three year old, who calls Darryl Phillips hers.

OTHERS

A spotted cat, boy type, belonging to Heide-Marie Fahrenholz. Zulu, a lady leopard cat living with the Carruthers, and Minx, another leopard cat belonging with Deleana Sweatte.

It is obvious that these jungle cats are very hardy and do exceptionally well when given the proper food.

P. E. T. S. fresh beef is not in competition with the pet food industry. Mr. Paxton is simply making a very good natural food for carnivores without cost considerations or profit margin. In addition to what he needs for his own cats, he makes up enough to supply those who also believe that this is an excellent food for their own cats. In Ventura County it is delivered directly to the homes of customers every other week to assure freshness.

The study of proper foods is continuing. It has been expanded to include show dogs and cats which must maintain the finest condition if they are to continue to win.

Mr. Paxton would be pleased to talk to anyone who can offer additional information or suggestions in the quest for a better pet food, or those who would like to learn more about the work he has done. He will tell you how you can make up your own pet food, or he will provide you with some of his own.

You may call him at 805-643-7447.

Necrology

VANESSA, African Lioness

"It is with great sorrow that I have to inform LIOC of the death of our African Lioness, Vanessa. Vanessa was killed in a car accident about four months ago when she slipped her collar and walked out onto the highway in front of our home. She was a year old at the time. Vanessa was loved dearly by everyone who knew her and was extremely gentle.